

(This is a corrected (!) copy of my comments sent earlier today.) If ever there were a time and place for fewer regulations and more "let the marketplace decide" policy, it's now and it's on this issue. This should be about timely communication that has a direct effect on public safety -- the ability for us to obtain real-time traffic (and weather) information on demand, thereby allowing us to reroute and avoid congested areas, sudden storms, etc., and prevent more frustration, road rage, and of course more accidents. XM's new traffic and weather channels have already saved me hours of productive time that would have been wasted had I been listening to commercials and/or waiting for the next scheduled traffic report on an NAB-member station.

I therefore demand that you reject the NAB petition #04-160. It's in the PUBLIC interest that you do so! Thanks!!